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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

ATTENTION : Mr. Galbraith

SUBJECT : Revision of [redacted] of 16 January 1952  
"Project Review Committee"

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1. General Cabell has requested our comments on the draft [redacted] of 9 April 1954. Alternatives are presented for the organization of the Project Review Committee. I believe Alternative No. 2 is not only far preferable, but that Alternative No. 1 would not meet the concept I have of the Project Review Committee. This leads me to comment on paragraph 4.a. concerning functions.

2. I believe the attempt to specify the functions in subparagraphs 4.a.(1), (2), (3), and (4) limits the Committee's function by implication and does not indicate its true role. Projects are normally initiated, staffed, and advocated by the office concerned. No matter how well staffed, the approach is still that of the office or component from its particular point of view. My idea of the Project Review Committee is to bring to the consideration of such projects an informed review by senior officials who can look at the questions involved from the point of view of the Agency as a whole with authority and a duty to look at each question from every possible angle. Thus, I would state that part of its functions referred to in paragraph 4.a. in some such language as follows:

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The above could, of course, be written in many ways, but if I am correct in the concept that the Committee is to approach all matters from an over-all point of view, it would not be suitable

to have the Deputy Director (Administration) chair the Committee. If the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence is not to be chairman, then I believe the Special Assistant to the DCI for Planning and Coordination would be a suitable substitute with the other Deputy Directors as voting members.

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